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SUBJECT: EAST BENGALI REFUGEES - UNHCR

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 29, 1974 FROM UNHCR TO MISSION QUOTE:

I SHOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION FOR ASSISTANCE TO EAST BENGALI REFUGEES IN INDIA UNDER THE FOCAL POINT OPERATION IN 1971/1972.

THROUGH AMBASSADOR RIMESTAD'S LETTER OF 3 AUGUST 1971, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS AGREEABLE TO CONTRIBUTE AN AMOUNT OF US DOLS 1,143,000 FOR WATER SUPPLY. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED RECENTLY BY UNICEF, WHO WAS DURING THE FOCAL POINT OPERATION THE MAIN UN PROCUREMENT AGENCY, THAT THE NET EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR WATER SUPPLY EQUIPMENT AMOUNTED ONLY TO US DOLS 1,109,417.91. THERE REMAINS THEREFORE AN UNSPENT BALANCE OF US DOLS 33,582.09.

AS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, IN HIS FOCAL POINT FUNCTION, WAS ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ONLY A FRACTION OF THE APPROXIMATELY US DOLS

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500 MILLION EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AT THE TIME, WE SHOULD LIKE, SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, TO TRANSFER THE ABOVE BALANCE
OF US DOLS 33,582.09 TO THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ADVICE ON THIS MATTER. UNQUOTE.

2. VIEW MAGNITUDE OF USG CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUBJECT REFUGEE
ASSISTANCE EFFORT, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT DOLS 33,582.09
IN QUESTION BE RETURNED TO US TREASURY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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